

out against predatory lending practices that target our nation's veterans. Earlier this year, the Department of Defense finalized its rules under the Military Lending Act that would protect our service members and their families from the endless cycle of debt frequently created by payday loans.

However, the MLA does not provide these same protections to those brave women and men who have already served their country. There are already many challenges for veterans reentering civilian life. The threat of being taken advantage of by unscrupulous lenders does not need to be added to the list.

It is within the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's authority to protect our veterans from the predatory payday lending industry. They must act to end the dangerous payday loan debt trap by creating strong consumer protections and encouraging innovative alternatives for veterans who need short-term, emergency loans to make ends meet.

It is my hope that the CFPB will make this issue a priority and quickly provide the financial protections our veterans deserve.

**RECOGNIZING LANCE CORPORAL
BRANDON RUMBAUGH FOR RAISING
AWARENESS FOR OUR NATION'S
HOMELESS VETERANS**

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lance Corporal Brandon Rumbaugh for his service to our country and his dedication to raising awareness for our nation's homeless veterans.

Following two combat deployments and the loss of his legs in the line of service in Afghanistan, Brandon has begun a remarkable campaign to raise awareness about the difficulties many veterans face after returning home from deployment, namely homelessness. On November 1, 2015, the anniversary of his injury, Brandon started his journey to advocate for homeless veterans by living exclusively on the streets of Uniontown for the month.

Through his efforts, Brandon hopes to raise awareness and educate the public about the challenges and employment needs veterans face when they come home. It is my privilege to help Brandon bring awareness to this issue, as the plight veterans face continues to go unaddressed in many places across the country.

Today I am honored to thank Brandon for his service to our nation as well as his dedication to his fellow veterans. He is hero and a role model for all of us. Furthermore, I am hopeful his efforts will help illustrate the necessity for continued local, state, and national responses to the needs of our veterans.

IRANIAN HOSTAGE CRISIS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, November 4th marks the anniversary of an important date in U.S.-Iranian relations.

On this date in 1979, only a few months after the Shah was deposed and the radical, anti-American, Islamist Ayatollah Khomeini was placed in power, a group of young Islamic revolutionaries made their anger with the United States known to the world.

The group stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and took over 60 American hostages. The revolutionaries were angry about President Carter's decision to allow the recently ousted Shah into the U.S. for cancer treatment and general American interference in their affairs.

Hostages were blindfolded, bound, beaten, sometimes tortured, subjected to solitary confinement and unsanitary conditions, and even underwent mock executions.

Richard Morefield, the Consul General of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran recounted that he was subjected to three mock executions, the first being on his second night in captivity.

He was awakened in the middle of the night, herded into a van with other hostages, driven somewhere, dragged into a shower room, seated on a bench, and made to think he would die there and then.

Al Golacinski, John Limbert, and Rick Kupke were also subjected to mock executions. They too were awakened in the middle of the night, forced to remove their clothing, blindfolded and marched into a basement where the callous guards made it seem they were about to be executed by firing squad. The guards pulled their triggers to their unloaded weapons and laughed.

These hostages lived in emotional and physical turmoil for 444 days.

Though 13 of the hostages were released after a short time, diplomatic means to free the rest of the hostages failed. President Carter tried to build pressure through economic sanctions and frozen assets.

Then, Ronald Reagan was elected president. Minutes after his inauguration, the Iranians freed the remaining hostages.

This event left a lasting impression on American foreign policy.

Sanctions that began as a result of the Iranian hostage crisis increased over 36 years as Iran built up its illegal nuclear weapons program, conducted terrorist attacks against innocent civilians around the world, and violated the human rights of its own people.

That is until President Obama decided to ease sanctions on this enemy nation as part of a disastrous new "deal." On this November 4, 36 years after the start of the hostage crisis, we have not forgotten. And, we have not forgiven.

And that's just the way it is.

**RECOGNIZING KIN ON FOR THEIR
30 YEARS OF SERVICE**

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Kin On organization and its thirty years of service to the senior citizens of the Seattle area.

From the beginning, Kin On has been an important part of our community and has been integral to serving seniors with respect and dignity. Through their provision of health, so-

cial, and education services, Kin On encourages Asian adults and seniors to remain mentally, physically, and socially active. Programs like these are models for other care facilities, as they keep seniors engaged and healthy in comprehensive and culturally sensitive ways.

It is also encouraging to know that Kin On will expand its services and facilities in Seattle, expanding their capacity to serve the community. I am confident that the addition of a community center, assisted living, and adult family home—as well as a short-term rehab and sun room—will greatly enhance the experiences of those who benefit from Kin On's wide array of services.

Once again, I want to thank Kin On for its service and congratulate them on thirty years of hard work and success in serving our senior community. I look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments.

**CONGRATULATING SHERRY
LEVESQUE ON HER 40-YEAR
BOWLING CAREER**

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sherry Levesque of Springfield, Missouri, on her successful 40-year career of dedication to the growth of bowling in our community and to wish her a happy retirement.

Since 1996, Sherry has worked at Andy B's bowling lanes in Springfield, but has been around the sport in many capacities since 1975. In the early part of her career, she became the first woman to ever tally a 300 score at Hazelwood Bowl and was featured on television in competition at the old Arena Bowl. While her career as a competitive bowler is remarkable, however, it is Sherry's dedication to bring others into the sport that makes her truly unique.

After moving to Springfield in 1982, she began working at Walnut Bowl (now Light-house Lanes) building their junior bowling program. At that position, she also became the director of the Greater Springfield American Bowlers Congress and Greater Springfield Women's International Bowling Congress. Then, she started more youth programs upon moving to Century Lanes in 1987, which ultimately earned her a distinguished service induction into the Springfield Women's Bowling Association in 1994. Around the same time, she was named president of the Missouri State Youth Bowling Association.

After being named General Manager of Andy B's in 1997, she continued cultivating the area bowling community and was named Manager of the Year by the Bowling Proprietors Association of America in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my appreciation to Sherry for the invaluable positive impact she has made on so many young people in my district, and wish her a happy—and well-earned—retirement. The way in which she used her passion of bowling to touch so many lives for the better truly serves as an example of the human spirit we can all learn from and makes me proud to represent her and the rest of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,492,091,120,833.99. We've added \$7,865,214,071,920.91 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF TACOMA AND PIERCE COUNTY FOR THEIR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Habitat for Humanity of Tacoma and Pierce County for their thirty years of invaluable housing assistance and support to families throughout our region.

Since 1985, this organization has been dedicated to building quality and affordable housing for families from all walks of life, offering an opportunity for families who are otherwise unable to obtain proper financing to achieve their dream of homeownership.

In order to qualify for a home, families must contribute five hundred hours on the construction of their or someone else's home, which in turn fosters a sense of ownership and a greater sense of unity in the community. In the last year alone, the organization built fourteen new homes and renovated almost a dozen others, providing a better living situation for over eighty adults and children.

This positive impact on the lives of families would not have been possible without the vision and devotion that Habitat for Humanity of Tacoma and Pierce County and its countless volunteers have shown. They have played a key role in making Pierce County a better place to live—both for their clients and the community at large.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the work of Habitat for Humanity of Tacoma and Pierce County on their thirtieth anniversary as a positive contributor to the community. Their commitment to lifting up the lives of so many Pierce County families over three decades is admirable and I look forward to their future positive impacts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF MONTGOMERY EMANCIPATION OBSERVANCES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recog-

nize the 150th anniversary of the Montgomery community observing the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation which started on January 1, 1866.

On January 1, 2002, a historic marker was placed at One Court Square in downtown Montgomery to help highlight Montgomery's first observance. On January 1, 2016, the Emancipation Association of Montgomery will once again celebrate the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing the Emancipation Association of Montgomery as well as the City of Montgomery a memorable 150th anniversary celebrating the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

HONORING DRS. AZIZ SANCAR AND PAUL MODRICH

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of North Carolina School of Medicine's Dr. Aziz Sancar and Duke University School of Medicine's Dr. Paul Modrich on receiving the 2015 Nobel Prize for chemistry.

This is a remarkable accomplishment for Drs. Sancar and Modrich and for the universities and researchers who support their work. As a UNC graduate and a former Duke professor, I am especially thrilled with the announcement.

Drs. Sancar and Modrich were awarded the prize in recognition of their work with Dr. Thomas Lindahl of Britain on DNA mismatch repair. The consensus of the scientific community is that this is critically important work that could pave the way for innovative new treatments for cancer and other diseases.

Dr. Aziz Sancar is the Sarah Graham Kenan Professor of Biochemistry and Biophysics at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. A native of Savur-Mardin, Turkey and the first Turkish-American Member of the National Academy of Sciences, Dr. Sancar runs the Sancar Lab at UNC, directing the university's biomedical research. He has called North Carolina home since 1982, and he and his wife Gwen created the Turkish House in Chapel Hill and are spearheading efforts to create a permanent Turkish Center at UNC.

Dr. Paul Modrich is the James B. Duke Professor of Biochemistry at Duke University and a Member of the Duke Cancer Institute. He has been an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute for over 20 years. He heads the Modrich Lab, which has been responsible for a number of major innovations in cancer and biomedical research. He has been at Duke since 1976.

This announcement is another important reminder that Congress must renew its commitment to research and innovation. Roughly, two-thirds of our nation's basic research is directly supported by federal agencies. Federal funding from the NIH and CDC provides researchers with critical financial support, and it is one of the most important investments we can make both for public health and the economy. Biomedical research alone creates millions of jobs and adds two dollars to the economy for every dollar invested. We must re-

verse the shortsighted cuts to research funding imposed by Congress in recent years and once again make robust investments in the sort of research conducted by Drs. Modrich and Sancar.

I join with well-wishers from North Carolina and around the world to congratulate Dr. Modrich and Dr. Sancar on their historic accomplishment, and I am proud that these two world-class leaders in biomedical research call the Triangle home.

HONORING TURLOCK CITY MANAGER ROY WASDEN

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Turlock City Manager Roy Wasden on his retirement; and to personally thank him for his many years of dedication and profound service to the Turlock community.

Joining the City of Turlock in June of 2009, Mr. Wasden took on the chief role of city manager and became responsible for the efficient and effective management of city services. Over the course of his career, Mr. Wasden has brought large corporations to Turlock and paved the way for countless new job positions for its residents. His exemplary customer service was vital to landing these new employers to the community.

Mr. Wasden was instrumental in the construction of projects that immensely benefited the City of Turlock including the new Public Safety Facility, the Carnegie Arts Center, the development of the Regional Transit Facility, and the construction of the new affordable housing project called Avena Bella, as well as the large upgrades to the Regional Water Quality Control Facility. These successful projects were achievements that have greatly and positively impacted the economic development in Turlock.

Leading the efforts to balance the City of Turlock's budget, Mr. Wasden has executed the task with efficient management and good planning. The city is fiscally sound and continues to provide a high level of service to the community.

Before Mr. Wasden's leadership role with the City of Turlock, he spent many years in a variety of public service positions, including more than 30 years working in law enforcement. In 2000, Mr. Wasden was sworn in as Chief of Police for the City of Modesto Police Department. In 2002, the Modesto Police Department was involved in the investigation of the infamous murder case of Laci Peterson, which gained national recognition. It was under Mr. Wasden's leadership that the department was credited for successfully handling this renowned investigation. He was an asset to the police department throughout the complex case.

Mr. Wasden's proudest accomplishment is the life he created with his high school sweetheart, Linda Wasden. They have been married for 40 years and together have been blessed with 7 children and 13 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Turlock City Manager Roy Wasden on his retirement and thanking him for his exemplary